

RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

Wyoming Board of Agriculture
August 20, 2008
Conference Call

Present: Gene Hardy, President
Jim Mickelson
Jim Bennage
Dave Graham
Dalin Winters

Absent: Joe Thomas, Vice President
Juan Reyes
Jack Corson
Patrick Zimmerer
John Hansen
Bridget Kukowski
John Etchepare
Frank Galey
Ryan Lance

Staff: Muff Parker, Recording Secretary

Guests: Dick Loper

State Fair

Gene said he felt all-in-all it went real well. The events showed great attendance and the Mustang Challenge seemed to draw a huge crowd. Dave said it was standing room only and all participants did real well with their horses.

All six winners in the lamb shows were disqualified because of the tail being docked to short. There were no Champions or Grand Champions this year. There was a private lamb show off-site. When Jim Mickelson returned from Dr. Smylie's where they had the lamb x-rayed, he said he overheard some kids talking about how they gave out \$7,000 in prizes.

Gene feels they will not be able to find that kind of sponsorship for next year. Gene said he met with Scott Talbott yesterday regarding changes to the snaring statutes. Scott indicated they have held several public meetings regarding the proposed changes. The industry was on-board until recently. The Trappers Association now is saying they don't like the language. Gene said there are 1,800 licenses issued every year and the trappers Association only accounts for 70 of those.

CD Meeting

Muff will coordinate the meeting between Joe, Gene and the Supervisors of the Little Snake River and Saratoga-Encampment-Rawlins Conservation Districts. The hope is that the boundary issue can be agreed upon by both districts before the November Board of Agriculture meeting.

Living Legacy

Muff and Jim Mickelson gave an update on the program this year and the planning of next years' program.

Dick Loper. If permittees don't follow guidelines there may be a loss of permits. He said the current language is expiring September 30 and he's not sure if Congress will extend it. They will need to follow the Administrative Procedures Act.

Jim Mickelson made a motion to adjourn. Dave Graham seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gene Hardy, President

Date